

Distinguished Members

We have 18 new distinguished members this year who have maintained their membership for twenty years. You may contact Bea Bull at tbkbull@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at 360 286 7798 to receive a certificate and pin. Thank you for your continued membership!

(Web version – last names omitted for privacy.)

Michael	Elaine	Christine
Michael	Judith	Sheryl
James	Dale	Jayne
Robert	Thomas	James
Ted	John	Carmine
Brian	Charles	David

If we overlooked you, please let us know!

Elimination of “Members at Large” (AKA Executive Board Member) Positions

Because we haven’t been able to fill one of these positions, the Executive Board decided to eliminate the four Members at Large positions; three positions are held by Stan Barber, John Burch and Rex Tauscher; the fourth position remains vacant.

Remaining officer positions will be: President, Vice President (currently vacant), Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer) and Sergeant-at-Arms.

This change requires a chapter bylaws amendment that will be voted on at the October membership meeting. Below is the proposed amendment (red strike-through coming out; yellow highlighted going in):

Article V – Officers and Executive Board

Section 1. The Officers of the Chapter shall consist of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer **(or Secretary/Treasurer)**, **and** Sergeant-at-Arms ~~and Members at Large~~, plus the immediate Past President, who will serve until replaced by a new immediate Past President. These Officers comprise the Executive Board, all of whom must be active members.

Section 2. The term of office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer **(or Secretary/Treasurer)**, **and** Sergeant-at-Arms; ~~and four (4) Members at Large~~ shall be two years. ~~The term of office of two (2) of the four (4) Members at Large will be due in alternating years.~~

Section 3. Elected Officers shall remain in office until their successors have been elected and installed.

Section 4. A Nominating Committee of two (2) members shall be selected at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. This committee shall present the recommended nominations in the October newsletter. Nominations from the floor shall be called for and may be made by the membership at the November meeting prior to the election of Officers.

Section 5. After November nominations have been closed, the election of Officers ~~and Members at Large~~ will be held by a majority vote of a quorum assembled at the regular membership meeting in November. All newly elected Officers ~~and Members at Large~~ will be installed at the December meeting and will take office on January 1st.

For information or help with any of the following, contact Bea Bull: tbkbull@gmail.com or call 360 286 7798 and leave a voicemail.

Voting for Washington State Federation Officers

- Everyone with a valid email address in the NARFE database should have received an email from Curtis Price dated 15 August with a link to candidate statements and the online ballot
- If you didn't receive that email and wish to vote online, email Bea to request the link
- If you'd like a copy of the candidate statements and a paper ballot, contact Bea
- There is only one contested position – federation treasurer – be sure to read the candidate statements for that position to make an informed decision
- Your online or paper ballot must be received by Curtis by 30 September

NARFE National Election and Bylaws Amendments

- Procedures
 - Voting will begin after FEDcon26 (8/23-25) and run through 30 September
 - If you have a valid email in the NARFE database, you'll receive an email invitation from Election Services to vote (if you don't receive an invitation, you should call National and make sure they have your current email address)
 - If you don't have email or don't receive the emailed invitation, there is a paper ballot on pages 51 and 52 of the September *NARFE Magazine*
 - Voting instructions are on page 50; bylaws amendment explanations are on page 53
 - You DO NOT need a PIN number to vote using the paper ballot; your ID number is on your magazine mailing label two lines above your name (it follows the # sign); you are in Region IX
 - You MUST mail the ballot to Election Services, NOT the NARFE National office; the address is in the blue box on page 50
 - **MOST IMPORTANT** – vote every line or your ballot won't be counted! On the paper ballot, you'll vote for National President, National Secretary/Treasurer, Region IX Vice President and either yes or no on all nine Bylaws And Standing Rule Amendment Proposals
- Candidates for National President, Secretary/Treasurer & Region IX Vice President
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Cindy Renee Blythe (unopposed)
 - Region IX Vice President – Curtis Price (unopposed)
 - Two candidates for National President
 - Bill Shackelford (incumbent)
 - Deborah Fisk, Virginia Federation President (her candidate statement was online only; contact Bea if you'd like a copy)
- Bylaws amendments
 - There are nine bylaws amendments on the ballot
 - They are explained on page 53 of the September *NARFE Magazine*
 - If you'd like the full National Bylaws Committee report, contact Bea (it's 15 pages so emailing is preferred)

If you have computer access, go to www.narfe.org and click on either "For Members" or "Member Quick Links." At the left end of the gray bar, you'll see "2026 NARFE National Election." Click on that to access information about the election and bylaws.